

HOUSE HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AMENDMENT 1

Amendment No. 1 to HB0974

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 412*

House Bill No. 974

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relative to:

(1) The creation of a continuum of essential behavioral health services and supports for those adults, children and families in Tennessee who are not eligible for such services through the TennCare program; and

(2) House Bill 974, as introduced.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives selected from the membership of the House Health and Human Resources Committee and three (3) members of the Senate selected from the membership of the Senate General Welfare Committee, to be appointed by the respective speakers. The committee is encouraged to consult and if beneficial meet with members of the behavioral health subcommittee of the select oversight committee on TennCare.

SECTION 3. That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 4. That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

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SECTION 5. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 6. That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly by February 1, 2004, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.